

# NCARE FALL 2007 NEWSLETTER

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## 2008 ANNUAL MEETING

### CALL FOR PROPOSALS

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH IN EDUCATION

**CONFERENCE DATES: FEBRUARY 28 – 29, 2008**

**CONFERENCE LOCATION: SHERATON NEW BERN HOTEL & MARINA**

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The North Carolina Association for Research in Education (NCARE) invites proposals for its 2008 Annual Meeting, to be held February 28–29, 2008 in New Bern, North Carolina. This year’s conference theme is “Investigate, Innovate, and Integrate.”

Proposals **must** be submitted by **January 18, 2008**. Those responding to this call for papers, posters, and symposia will be informed about the status of acceptance of their proposal by **January 25, 2008**. Pre-registration for the conference should be submitted by **January 28, 2008** to avoid paying the higher on-site registration fee.

The conference is scheduled for the Sheraton New Bern Hotel & Marina in New Bern. NCARE has 20 rooms reserved for February 28, 2008 at the **Sheraton New Bern Hotel & Marina**. If you plan to stay at the Sheraton on February 28, you will need to make your reservations early. There are other conferences scheduled at the same time and rooms are limited! Go to the NCARE homepage for additional hotel information.



## HOW TO SUBMIT A PAPER OR POSTER PROPOSAL

A paper, poster, or symposium on any educational research or evaluation topic likely to interest North Carolina educators will be considered for the program. All proposals will be reviewed by at least two referees, using the criteria of quality, originality, and significance.

All proposals should be submitted electronically (<http://ncare.us>). Individuals need to include an abstract (no more than 250 words) and proposal summary (approximately 1200 words or two pages single-spaced) that include the following headings:

- A) Objectives
- B) Perspective or theoretical framework
- C) Methods or techniques
- D) Data source
- E) Results and conclusions



Details about the upcoming NCARE 2008 Annual Meeting can be found at the following Web site.

<http://ncare.us>

## NCARE NEWS

### Call for Nominations

The nominating committee of NCARE is issuing a call for nominations for the offices of:

- **President-elect**
- **Treasurer**

Nominations are also being accepted for the following open positions on the Board of Directors:

- **DPI Representative**
- **Higher Education Representative**
- **At-large Representative**

All NCARE members are eligible to serve on the Board. Nominations are due by **December 15, 2007**.

Send nominations to George Olson—

olsongh@appstate.edu

or

Claudia Flowers—

cpflower@uncc.edu

### NCARE Membership Fees

The annual membership fees are:

- \$10 for regular membership
- \$5 for full-time students



## Vote in the Upcoming Election

In January 2008, you will receive a ballot that includes a slate of candidates. In addition, this year, NCARE members will be voting on several changes that the Board is recommending. First, the Board recommends an increase in membership fees, from \$10 to \$20 for full members (for students \$5 to \$10). Second, there will be a recommendation to change representation on the board. Make your voice heard by voting.

## NCARE MEMBERSHIP

### Renew Your Membership

The North Carolina Association for Research in Education works to improve the quality of education in North Carolina through research and evaluation.

Your membership may have lapsed. If you have not paid your membership dues within the past year, please do so as soon as possible. Look at the mailing label for the number of days since you paid your membership dues. Dues are only **\$10** for the year. Go to the NCARE Web site for additional information about renewing your membership: <http://ncare.us>

### Student Involvement in NCARE

NCARE provides opportunities for students to be involved in research and interact with other researchers. Currently, student membership dues are only **\$5** annually. Students have a discounted rate for the NCARE annual meeting and student presenters are eligible for the Marvin Wyne Outstanding Student Paper Award. Applications can be found at the NCARE Web site.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT CLAUDIA FLOWERS

I want to thank all the members who participated in the 2007 NCARE Annual Meeting. We had 50 high-quality presentations and 82 attendees. Here are some highlights of the meeting:

- Dr. Bill Ware was honored with the NCARE *Distinguished Service Award*. This is only the second time in NCARE history that this award has been given. Dr. Rita O'Sullivan was the first recipient of the award.
- Drs. Gary Williamson, Charles Thompson, and Robert Baker were winners of the 2006 *Distinguished Paper Award*. They represented North Carolina in the Distinguished Paper presentations at the 2007 AERA Conference in Chicago.
- Ms. Drinda Elaine Bengé was the winner of the 2006 *Marvin Wyne Outstanding Student Award*.

Dr. Helmut Feifs officially rotated off the NCARE Board after many years of service. His knowledge of educational issues in North Carolina and his commitment to excellence will be missed by the Board. Additionally, Barbara Howard and David Aman completed their two-year term on the Board. I want to thank them for their service.

The most valuable NCARE asset is its members. For NCARE to thrive, we must have active participation from our members. Here are five things you can do to be an active member of NCARE.

### Top Five Things NCARE Members Can Do

1. *Nominate someone (or yourself) for the NCARE Board.* Nominations are now open for five board members. The NCARE board positions are-- (a) President-elect, (b) Treasurer, (c) DPI representative, (d) higher education representative, and (e) at-large representative. If you have a nomination, please contact George Olson (olsongh@appstate.edu) or any board member (<http://ncare.us>). Nominations are accepted until December 15, 2007.

2. *Vote in the upcoming election.* In January 2008, you will be receiving a ballot that includes a slate of candidates. In addition, this year NCARE members will be voting on several changes that the Board is recommending. First, the Board recommends an increase in membership fees, from \$10 to \$20 for full members (for students \$5 to \$10). Second, there will be a recommendation to change representation on the board. Make your voice heard by voting.

3. *Write a proposal for the 2008 Annual Meeting.* If you have done research related to education in North Carolina, consider disseminating your findings at NCARE.

4. *Attend the annual meeting.* You will have an opportunity to hear good presentations, eat good food (lunch is included), and interact with good company.

5. *Come to the social the evening before the annual meeting.* On the evening of February 28, 2008, there will be a social that includes free food and drinks. You will have an opportunity to meet other NCARE members in a relaxed atmosphere.

I hope to see you in New Bern, NC! Claudia

**NCARE—<http://ncare.us>**

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